



SACRAMENTO
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Program Proposal Form B



Academic Group (College): Natural Sciences and Mathematics	Date of Submission to College Dean: 9-15-08
Academic Organization (Department): Geography	Requested Effective: Fall X, Spring__, 2008.
Department Chair: Robin Dattel	Contact if not Department Chair:
Title of the Program: Geography Minor	

Type of Program Proposal:

Modification in Existing Program:
 Substantive Change
 ___ Non-Substantive Change
 ___ Deletion of Existing Program

___ **New Programs**
 ___ Initiation (Projection) of New Program on to Master Plan
 ___ New Degree Programs
 ___ Regular Process
 ___ Fast Track Process
 ___ Pilot Process
 ___ New Minor, Concentration, Option, Specialization, Emphasis
 ___ New Certificate Program

PLEASE NOTE: Form B is to be used only as a Cover Form. Additional information is requested for each of the above as noted in the corresponding procedure in the Policies and Procedures for Initiation, Modification, Review and Approval of Courses and Academic Programs found at <http://www.csus.edu/acad/univmanual/index.htm>

Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification.
 The Geography Department is proposing to make our existing minor more flexible. In its new form, it can be more fully tailored to a variety of student interests and can more readily complement diverse majors. Under this proposal, a student largely interested in GIS will be able to take most of her/his geography minor units in that area, while a student focused on physical geography, human geography, or urban geography and planning will be able to focus on those. While every minor will not be as broadly educated in geography as under our old version, those who prefer greater specialization will be able to choose it. We also are proposing to reduce the required number of units from 21 to 18, which is (1) sufficient for a minor, (2) more readily completed, and (3) consistent with the minors of our sister CSUS departments of Geology and Anthropology and with numerous Geography minors in the CSU system.

Approvals:

Department Chair: Robin Dattel **Date:** 9-15-08

College Dean: Laurel Heffner **Date:** 9/17/08

University Committee: _____ **Date:** _____

**Associate Vice President and Dean
for Academic Affairs:** _____ **Date:** _____

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Summary of Proposed Changes to the CSUS Geography Minor

1. Reduce the total number of units required from 21 to 18.
2. Add GEOG 3 to the choices of lower division courses.
3. Subtract GEOG 11 from the list of required lower division courses.
4. Subtract GEOG 102; GEOG 111 or 113; and GEOG 141, 145, or 147 from the list of required upper division courses.
5. Add all upper division geography courses, except 194, 195, 198, or 199 to the list of upper division choices.
6. Require that all upper division courses be selected with and approved by a faculty advisor in geography.
7. Require that a minimum of 6 upper division units be taken in residence.

Programmatic and Fiscal Impacts

We do not anticipate significant programmatic or fiscal impacts from these changes on either other programs or our own. While we hope to attract some additional minors as a result of these modifications, we anticipate that we will be able to accommodate them in our current course offerings.

A side-by-side comparison of the new and old versions of the minor also is provided.

New Minor

Total units required for Minor: 18

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At least 2 of the following 3 lower division courses (6 units):

- (3) GEOG 1 Physical Geography: The Distribution of Natural Phenomena
- (3) GEOG 2 Cultural Geography
- (3) GEOG 3 Introduction to Maps and Geographic Technologies

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A minimum of 9 units of upper division geography, excluding GEOG 194, 195, 198, and 199. These **must** be selected in consultation with and approved by a faculty advisor in geography. A minimum of 6 upper division units must be earned in residence.

Old Minor

Total units required for Minor: 21

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- (3) GEOG 1 Physical Geography: The Distribution of Natural Phenomena
- (3) GEOG 2 Cultural Geography
- (1) GEOG 11 Laboratory in Physical Geography
- (3) GEOG 102 Ideas and Skills in Geography (GEOG 1, GEOG 2, GEOG 3, or GEOG 11)
- (2) GEOG 103 Map and Air Photo Interpretation
- (3) GEOG 111 Elements of Meteorology (GEOG 1 or instructor permission) **OR**
 - GEOG 113 Climate (Knowledge of general world distribution of climatic elements as given in an introductory physical geography course)
- (3) Select **one** of the following:
 - GEOG 141 Geography of Economic Activity
 - GEOG 145 Population Geography
 - GEOG 147 Urban Geography
- (3) Course in Geography with Departmental advisor approval.